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AN ACT

To amend chapter 217, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to an alternative sentencing task force.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 217, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 217.860, to read as follows:

217.860. 1. There is hereby created within the department of corrections a "Task Force on Alternative Sentencing". The primary duty of the task force is to develop a statewide plan for alternative sentencing programs for nonviolent offenders. The plan shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (1) Public-private partnerships;**
- (2) Job training;**
- (3) Job placement; and**
- (4) Alcohol and drug rehabilitation.**

2. In developing this statewide plan the task force shall at a minimum acquire and review the following information:

- (1) The cost per year to incarcerate one nonviolent offender;**
- (2) The cost of the proposed alternative sentencing program or programs per year;**
- (3) The estimated number per year, for the past five years, of incarcerated nonviolent offenders who were eligible to have been placed on probation had there been**

15 in existence a suitable alternative sentencing program; and

16 (4) A list of the top five cities or regions of the state which have produced the
17 largest number of nonviolent offenders for the last five years.

18 3. The task force created in this section shall be comprised of the following
19 members or their designees:

20 (1) The director;

21 (2) The director of the division of probation and parole;

22 (3) Six probation and parole officers or supervisors, one from each of the six
23 regions of the state, who shall be appointed by the director of the division of probation and
24 parole;

25 (4) One member of the department of economic development's workforce
26 development office who shall be appointed by the director of the department of economic
27 development;

28 (5) One circuit or associate circuit judge from a circuit which has a drug court who
29 shall be appointed by the chief justice of the Missouri supreme court;

30 (6) Three chief executive officers of three different private businesses that employ
31 a minimum of fifteen employees each who shall be appointed by the governor; and

32 (7) Two persons who have recently successfully completed terms of probation, one
33 from each of the two regions of the state which have had the highest number of nonviolent
34 offenders for the past five years, who shall be appointed by the director of the division of
35 probation and parole.

36 4. The task force shall meet at least quarterly and shall submit its recommendations
37 and statewide plan for an alternative sentencing program or programs to the governor, to
38 the general assembly, and to the director by December 31, 2004.

39 5. Members of the task force shall receive no additional compensation but shall be
40 eligible for reimbursement for expenses directly related to the performance of task force
41 duties.

42 6. The provisions of this section terminate on May 31, 2005.